



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar of Events

Jan 6, 9:30-11:30	Peninsula Master Gardener Training Planning Meeting; call Bill Walker (804) 693-6540
Jan 7, 9:30-10:30	Horticultural Extravaganza Planning Meeting, see page 2
Jan 11, 9:30-11:30	Monthly Programming Meeting, St. Luke's Methodist Church (for all Master Gardeners)
Jan 12, 9:00-12:00	Advanced Pruning Training, Northside Christian Church, George Emerson Lane, off Rt 17
Jan 18, 9:00-12:00	Advanced Pruning Training, Field Session, see page 4
Jan 19, 12-1:00 pm	WHRO – 89.5 Gardening Hear Say
Jan 20, 9:00-12:00	Advanced Pruning Training, Field Session, see page 4
Jan 21-23	Virginia Flower and Garden Show, VA Beach Pavilion (Fee)
Jan 25, 10:15	Horticultural Therapy, York Convalescent Center, see page 2
Jan 26, 9:00-12:00	Advanced Pruning Training, Field Session, see page 4
Jan 29, 10:00-12:00	Homeowner Fruit Pruning Clinic, Glebe Road, Tabb
Jan 31-Feb 3	2005 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course, Oceanfront Ramada Plaza Resort Conference Center, VA Beach (Fee)

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940, or Byrdie Hawley at 898-6175 or E-mail dabhawley@cox.net (Put Green Thumb in the subject line). The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception. (Except for February, please have your items in by the 5th so I can do it before our Africa trip.)

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Master Gardener Mission Statement

Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.

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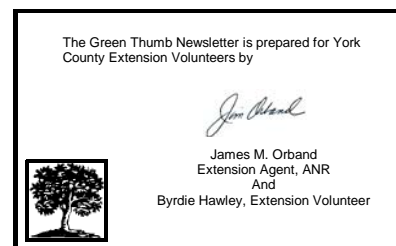
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Notes from Jim

Happy Holidays! See you when I return January 5, 2005. Best Wishes in the New Year!

J.



Horticultural Therapy

Please save your laundry soap bottle caps and bring them to the Extension Office or the next MG meeting, along with floral foam, wire, tape, etc. Those items will be a help to the group of volunteers for Horticultural Therapy at **York Convalescent Center**.

Their next session will be **January 25, 2005 at 10:15 AM**.

Contact Brenda Bradshaw to volunteer: 898-4733 or email C.Bradshaw@att.net.

Special thanks to Joanne Roberts and Janet Bradshaw and all the other volunteers during the last session. Also, a big THANK YOU to the florists for donating flowers.

Horticultural Extravaganza – March 5; Location - Grafton Middle School

The first planning meeting for the Horticultural Extravaganza is **January 7, 2005** from 9:30 – 10:30 at Grafton Middle School. Contact Ellen or Bill Calle for more information: 868-1207 or email e.calle@cox.net.

Learn grafting or organic gardening at home on-line from Cornell University:

9- week web-based organic gardening course February 1 – March 31, 2005

If you are interested in organic gardening, but don't know where to start, this course is for you. We use organic gardening principles to explore vegetables, flowers, lawn care and landscape plants. **Registration deadline is January 25. Cost is \$200.**

10-week web-based grafting course starts March 1 – May 6, 2005.

If you've ever wanted to learn how to graft plants, here is your chance. The award-winning, hands-on distance education course *The How, When, and Why of Grafting for Gardeners* will teach you chip budding, T-budding, and top-wedge grafting. **Registration deadline is February 23. Cost is \$300**, which includes shipment of live hibiscus plants used in laboratory exercises, plus grafting knife and supplies.

These non-credit courses include web-based lectures/readings, video demonstrations, hands-on activities, online quizzes and interactive discussions. The grafting course was developed by Dr. Ken Mudge, professor in Cornell's Department of Horticulture; the organic gardening course was developed by Charlie Mazza, extension associate in Cornell's Department of Horticulture, and Marguerite Wells, manager of Cornell's student organic farm.

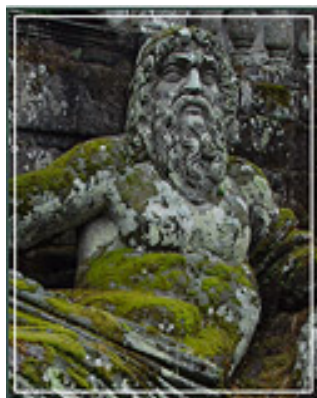
For more information, visit www.cce.cornell.edu/hortdl or email mw38@cornell.edu or call 607-255-1791.

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MAY 24 - JUNE 7, 2005

Gardens of Italy

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY TO VISIT
THE CITIES OF SORRENTO, ROME, SIENA, FLORENCE, VENICE, COMO
AND A DOZEN BEAUTIFUL GARDENS ALONG THE WAY

Be sure to look at our website to see more specifics about the trip along with a day-to-day itinerary. Also, check out the pictures of our last Italy group from the summer of 2003.
(www.mcduff.hort.vt.edu/Italy2005/Index.html)

If you have any questions, feel free to email me (mcduff@vt.edu) or call (540 231 7432).

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2005 Pruning Team

If anyone would like to become a member of the 2005 Pruning Team and is not already signed up, please contact Trudy Edwards at 220-6723 or tedwards@widomaker.com. Registration for training and volunteer sign-up for public clinics are now going on.

2005 Pruning Team Activities Calendar

(For Pruning Team Volunteers Only)

Advanced Pruning Training--Classroom Portion

Wed., Jan 12, 9:00-12:00, Northside Church of Christ, George Emerson Lane, off Route 17

Advanced Pruning Training—Field Sessions (must attend at least one session)

Tues., Jan 18, 9:00-12:00, TBA

Thurs., Jan 20, 9:00-12:00, TBA

Wed., Jan 26, 9:00-12:00, TBA

2005 Pruning Clinic Schedule

Sat., Jan. 29, 10:00-12:00, Homeowner Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic, TBA (rain date Sat., Feb. 5)

Sat., Feb. 5, 10:00-12:00, True Value Hardware, Route 17, Grafton

Tue, Feb. 8, 8:00 AM, Kingspoint Garden Club

Thur., Feb 10, 7:00 PM, Kiln Creek Recreation Center

Sat., Feb. 12, 10:00-12:00, Upper Bruton District

Tue., Feb. 15, 9:00-12:00, Pruning Training, Newport News Grounds Employees, TBA

Sat., Feb. 19, 10:00-12:00, Tabb Area

Tue., Feb. 22, 10:00-12:30, Pruning Training, Chesapeake Master Gardeners, Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road

Sat., Feb. 26, 10:00-12:00, Ken Mathews Nursery, Route 17, Grafton

Tue., Mar. 1, 9:00-12:00, Pruning Training, Norfolk Master Gardeners, Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Thur., Mar. 3, 9:00-12:00, Pruning Training, Isle of Wight, Surry and Southampton Master Gardeners, HRAERC

Sept/Oct, Pruning Training, 2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training

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